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SUBJECT 1. Arrival of German Equipment in Sverdlovsk
2. Use of PWs in Industries in Tura and Krasno-
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1. During October 1946 a great deal of dismantled material (automobiles, locomotives, rails) arrived in Sverdlovsk, USSR, from Germany. The former Breslau telephone system is being installed in Sverdlovsk.
2. German PWs were put to work during 1945 in an ammunition factory in Tura, a city of approximately forty-five to fifty thousand inhabitants, located in the Ural Mountains. This ammunition plant employed about three thousand workers, consisting of both German PWs and Russian citizens, male and female. It produced shells (granaten) weighing 80-90 lbs. A shipment of nine hundred Hungarian PWs arrived at Tura in September 1945, five hundred of whom died of typhus or malnutrition soon after arrival. Prisoners were kept in a main camp housing 2,500 men and in three smaller camps holding five hundred inmates each.
3. German PWs and civilian internees from Katowice, Upper Silesia, were employed during 1946 in Krasno-Uralak, 14 kms from Tura. (Comment: Possibly the Uralak situated at 56°35' N, 58°40' E.) Three copper mines, several ore-processing plants, a chemical laboratory, and several box factories provide work for the Uralak population. Volga Germans and Slavic slave laborers formerly employed in Germany work on the neighboring collective farms. Returned German PWs report that the morale of the native population in the Uralak region is very low, that ninety per cent oppose the Moscow government.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: Probably Tura Nishnyaya, also called Nishni Turinsk, at 58°30' N, 58°30' E.)

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